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SOCIETY OF CLINICAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATES

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## PHOENIX, AZ (Valley of the Sun) SoCRA CHAPTER

### Chapter Information

The Phoenix SoCRA Chapter is a quarterly forum for anyone interested or working in clinical research. The meeting is held in March, June, September and December of each year in the Phoenix metropolitan area. One continuing education credit (CEC) is available for attending the one-hour, clinical research-related presentation given by an invited speaker (attendance is free!). Past meeting summaries and selected presentations will be available at subsequent meetings.

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### MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

**Monday**  
**June 16, 2008**  
**6:00 – 7:30 PM**

#### Location:

Good Samaritan Hospital, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Prenatal Classroom  
12<sup>th</sup> Street and McDowell  
Phoenix, AZ 85006

#### Map:

#### Directions:

From McDowell Road, turn south on 12<sup>th</sup> Street.  
Once on 12<sup>th</sup> Street, take your 1<sup>st</sup> right, and then take your first left.  
This will bring you to the parking garage.  
Park on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and take the sky bridge across to the hospital.  
Enter the glass door and turn right at the first hallway.  
Look for the Prenatal Classroom.



# AGENDA

**Speaker:** Mitchell Horowitz, MPP

**Speaker Title:** Managing Director, Battelle Technology Partnership Practice

**Speaker Affiliation:** Battelle under contract with the Arizona Biomedical Research Commission

**Presentation:** The Arizona Translational Research Pathway Initiative – Origins, Progress and Ongoing Activities

**Summary:** Mr. Horowitz will discuss the ongoing Arizona Translational Resource Network, an initiative of the Arizona Biomedical Research Commission, developed with support of the Flinn Foundation as part of Arizona's Bioscience Roadmap efforts.

The Arizona Translational Resource Network (AZTransNet) is an ongoing initiative supported by the Arizona Biomedical Research Commission to provide Arizona with the capacity to facilitate and coordinate translational and clinical research activities in Arizona, particularly approaches for:

- Harmonizing clinical research policy approaches.
- Developing shared infrastructure in common needs areas such as training, access to IRB support and outreach to physicians for clinical research.
- Establishment of a new culture of trust and cooperation by serving as an honest broker.

AZTransNet is an outgrowth of the Arizona Translational Research Pathway sponsored by the Arizona Biomedical Research Commission and the Flinn Foundation, and guided by the input of leaders from Arizona's universities, nonprofit research institutions, hospitals and medical centers and broader stakeholders.

The starting point for AzTransNet is to advance a set of pilot projects identified as part of the development of the Arizona Translational Research Pathway approach undertaken in 2005 and culminating with the June 2006 report, *Seizing the Translational Research Opportunity in Arizona*. These pilot projects include:

- Creation of an ***Institutional Review Board (IRB) Networking Forum*** to raise awareness of issues, foster collaborations and create a sense of community and trust among IRBs in the state.

Initiation of ***Technical Policy Development Retreats*** to address complex issues facing IRBs with in-depth education and policy guidance, with the initial retreat addressing IRB policies for serum and tissue repositories. An upcoming Patient Registry Retreat is being held on June 4, 2008 in Scottsdale. The retreats also offer continuing education credits. For more information go to: <http://events.signup4.com/patientregistry>

- Formation of an ***Arizona Clinical Research Consortium*** to facilitate collaborations of community physicians and clinical research leaders to increase clinical trials activities in the state.

- Development of a ***Community-Based Participation Guide*** for advancing collaborations with Native American and Hispanic/Latino Populations Groups
- Assessment, design and formation of an ***Arizona Community Institutional Review Board (IRB)*** to provide IRB support for independent research sites that lack in-house IRBs and clinical studies that span multiple research sites.

**CEC Available:** 1 Credit

**Questions:**

Contact Jason Jones, Phoenix SoCRA Chapter Chairperson  
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**Planning to Attend?**

Please RSVP: [jjones@medicis.com](mailto:jjones@medicis.com)

**Do You Plan on Having Dinner?**

Dinner will be provided for \$5 each. Please indicate if you plan on having dinner.

Please bring a friend and spread the word!